

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising the steps of:
receiving, from a party engaged in an active call, a request for transfer of the
call from a first communication unit to a pre-provisioned second communication unit
5 associated with the party;
consulting a database to determine the second communication unit;
while maintaining a telephonic connection to the first communication unit,
attempting to establish a telephonic connection to the second communication unit;
if the connection to the second communication unit is established, dropping
10 the connection to the first communication unit, thereby transferring the call from the
first communication unit to the second communication unit of the party.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request for transfer
is accomplished without receiving a directory number of the second communication
15 unit.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the first communication unit comprises a
mobile phone and the second communication unit comprises a landline phone
associated with the party.
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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first communication unit comprises a
landline phone and the second communication unit comprises a mobile phone of the
party.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising, if the connection to the second
communication unit is not established:
sending a message to the first communication unit indicating that the
requested transfer did not occur.
- 30 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of consulting a database comprises
consulting the database to determining a directory number of the second
communication unit.

7. The method of claim 1, comprising:
determining a directory number of the first communication unit;
consulting a database to determine an enablement status of the first
5 communication unit to invoke a call transfer to the second communication unit;
if the first communication unit is not enabled to invoke the call transfer,
sending a message to the first communication unit indicating that the requested
transfer is not enabled.
- 10 8. A method comprising:
maintaining a database including indicia of at least a first communication unit
and indicia of a second communication unit to which call transfers may be directed
from the first communication unit;
receiving, from the first communication unit, a call transfer request;
15 consulting the database to determine the second communication unit; and
transferring the call from the first communication unit to the second
communication unit.
- 20 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the first communication unit comprises a
mobile phone and the second communication unit comprises a landline phone
associated with a party.
- 25 10. The method of claim 8, wherein the first communication unit comprises a
landline phone and the second communication unit comprises a mobile phone of the
party.
- 30 11. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of receiving a call transfer
request is accomplished without receiving a directory number of the second
communication unit.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of transferring the call
comprises:

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while maintaining a telephonic connection to the first communication unit,
establishing a telephonic connection to the second communication unit;

after the connection to the second communication unit is established, dropping
the connection to the first communication unit.

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